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PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY FOR TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY (PATBI)

TO PROTECT AND PROMOTE THE RIGHTS
OF INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES,
THROUGH EMPOWERMENT AND ADVOCACY



THE PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY SYSTEM FOR INDIANA

Protection and Advocacy for Traumatic Brain Injury (PATBI)

In 2003 the Protection and Advocacy for individuals with Traumatic Brain Injuries (PATBI) program was created through a grant from the Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration. This program's purpose is to expand advocacy services for individuals with traumatic brain injuries and to expand the service delivery system for this group of individuals.

PATBI GOALS/OBJECTIVES

- Provides information and referral services
- Provider of technical assistance
- Assist individuals with traumatic brain injury who have been denied services under Titles II and III of the ADA, or Fair Housing Act
- Review complaints and take appropriate action to ensure that state-supported residential services are appropriate and provided in the least restrictive environment
- Review allegations that educational services have been inappropriately reduced or

terminated due to suspension or expulsion and take appropriate action to ensure their right to receive a Free and Appropriate Public Education (FAPE)

- Increase compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act in relation to the Olmstead decision and Indiana's community integration efforts
- Provide information about traumatic brain injuries and disability rights to those entities serving individuals with traumatic brain injury

SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES

IPAS can help by:

- Helping you understand your rights
- Helping you learn self-advocacy skills
- Advising you on what steps you can take to secure your rights, such as appealing denials and filing complaints with appropriate governmental agencies
- Representing you with an IPAS Advocacy Specialist or IPAS Attorney to correct rights violations

WHO IS CONSIDERED TO HAVE TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY (TBI)?

Anyone who has suffered a cranio-cerebral head trauma as an occurrence of injury to the head arising from blunt or penetrating trauma or from acceleration-deceleration forces that are associated with any of these symptoms or signs attributed to the injury:

- Decreased level of consciousness
- Amnesia
- Other neurologic or neuropsychologic abnormalities
- Skull fracture
- Diagnosed intracranial lesions

The term does not apply to brain injuries that are congenital or degenerative, or to brain injuries induced by birth trauma.

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For additional information about brain injury, contact:

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ABOUT THE BRAIN INJURY ASSOCIATION OF INDIANA (BIAI)

The mission of the Brain Injury Association of Indiana is to be an informative resource; to educate the public and professionals about brain injury; to advocate in the public policy arena on behalf of the brain injured population of Indiana; and to prevent brain injury. The vision of the Brain Injury Association of Indiana is to be widely known as the leading organization making the public and professionals aware of the needs of the brain injured and their family.

BIAI SUPPORT GROUPS

BIAI holds monthly support group meetings around the state of Indiana. The purpose of a support group is to learn more about brain injury and available services by meeting with others who are facing or have faced similar issues. The essential elements of a support group meeting are to:

- Gather information
- Share common needs and strengths
- Provide a place to find new friends and connections to the community
- Provide a place to find courage and take risks
- Provide an opportunity to socialize
- Provide an environment where positive and negative views can be expressed without being judged

Brain Injury Association of Indiana Support Groups

LOCATION	MEETING TIME	LEADER	PHONE	E-MAIL
Bloomington	First Wednesday of every month, 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.	Rebecca Eberle, MA, CCC, SP Laura Karcher	812.855.6251 812.855.2912	rebeberl@indiana.edu lkarcher@indiana.edu
Columbus	First Tuesday of every month, 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	Susan Sellers	812.375.3685	ssellers@cvh.org
Dearborn County	TBD	Velvet Witteride	812.432.5465	
Fort Wayne	First Monday of every month, 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	Kristen Smith	260.373.9765	kristen.smith@parkview.com
Indianapolis (Southside)	Second Monday of every month, 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.	Rev. Jerry Habig	317.889.0556	
Indianapolis (Westside)	First Monday of every month, 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	Elaine Howard	317.299.6433	ehoward@nestfamily.com
Kokomo	Third Monday of every month, 7:00 p.m.	Mark Pormen	765.454.0963	MaPorm@aol.com
Muncie	First Tuesday of every month, 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	Karyn Toney Reichle	765.747.3784	fwehlage@chsmail.com
Richmond	Second Thursday of every month, 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	Sheila Hayes	765.886.5930	hayes@pkfamily.com
South Bend	First and third Thursday of every month, 7:00 p.m.	Barb Baker	574.654.8559	rab4384@aol.com
Southeastern Indiana	Third Thursday of every month, 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	Ray Maag Bob Setree	812.283.6093 812.283.8545	maggie3121@yahoo.com agm@win.net
Terre Haute	Third Wednesday of every month, 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.	Angela Winchester, CCC, SP	800.257.0235	
Vincennes	Second Monday of every month, 7:00 p.m.	Sharon Ellis Ken Kimmel	812.885.3247 618.544.8767	sellis@gshvin.org janekimmel<kennykimmel@yahoo.com